

AMENDMENTS TO THE APPLICATION

Upon entry of this amendment, the following paragraphs in the respective application sections will replace all prior versions in the pending application.

IN THE ABSTRACT

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the word count of the abstract which exceeds the total word count allowed of 150. Please replace the abstract with the amended abstract shown below. No new matter has been added.

Please replace the abstract from the previous version of the application with the amended abstract below:

The invention relates to systems and methods for providing a uniform network addressing scheme for a user accessing a network independent from the computer from which the user accesses the network. A virtual IP address is assigned to a user, a user session or a program run by user that is different from the IP address of the computer of the user and different from other users. A virtual host name is assigned to and associated with the virtual IP address of the user, user session or a program the user is running. As the user accesses the network from different computers, the user can be assigned the same virtual host name and in some cases the same virtual IP address. Furthermore, as the user accesses the network from multiple user sessions, the user can be assigned a virtual host name that uniquely identifies the user and the user session.